

FEBRUARY 3, 1835.

Read twice, and postponed until Friday, the 13th instant.

Mr. CLAYTON, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Amendatory of the act of March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in relation to the pre-emption of settlers on public lands.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 all settlers or occupants of the public lands, who, in the opinion
4 of the Secretary of the Treasury, would have been entitled to
5 pre-emption rights under the provisions of an act passed on
6 the second day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three,
7 entitled "An act to revive the act entitled 'An act supple-
8 *mentary to the several laws for the sale of public lands,' ap-*
9 *proved the fifth of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-two,"*
10 had they not been prevented from adducing their proof and
11 making their entries under the provisions of said act, in the
12 manner prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land
13 Office in his circular of instructions under date of May seven-

14 teenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in consequence of
15 a decision of the land officers against their rights, shall be
16 permitted to enter two quarter-quarter sections of any of the

17 unappropriated surveyed public lands within the same land
18 district, at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five
19 cents per acre, at any time before the said lands are offered
20 for public sale: *Provided*, The land on which they resided
21 has been sold or otherwise disposed of by the General Go-
22 vernment subsequent to the passage of the act aforesaid:
23 *And provided, further*, That no entry shall be made under
24 the provisions of this act on any tract whereon there may be
25 at the time any actual occupant or settler entitled to a pre-
26 emption right.